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## PHOENIX COLLEGE

This project is to preserve the instrument and make it available for the college's use as well as the chapter's. The project represents much hard work and sweat.

Would you consider not only a donation to help out on this project but some volunteer hours on the project? Contact Bill Carr, Crew Chief, to help out at 623-694-1746.

This Stop Rail issue is rather small. I realize that it is the Christmas season with most of us shopping, wrapping gifts, attending church, and purchasing christmas trees, going out for dinner, singing christmas carols, having family over, and cooking feasts, but there must have been something interesting to pass along for this issue. With all that interesting information to pass along, no one has sent anything for me to publish!

At one time I filled up the newsletter with a lot of national news about theatres and organs in various locations, and I was told that the Stop Rail was for local information-not other things and places. If I don't get the local information from you folks, then I can't print it. Dale Caplin, Editor.

TO ALL OF OUR ARIZONA MEMBERS: REMEMBER SILENT SUNDAYS! WHY NOT COME AND ENJOY A NICE SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON JANUARY 7, 2007 AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE AND HEAR RON RHODE ON OUR WONDERFUL WURLITZER ORGAN AND SEE A GREAT FILM? IT'S JUST \$10.00!

## COMING EVENTS

### *Silent Sunday Film Series*

*Sunday, January 7, 2007*

*2:30 Mini Concert*

*3:00 p.m. Film*

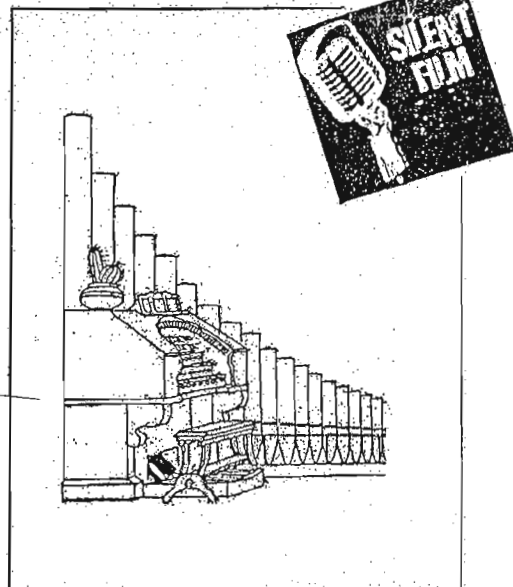
*at the Orpheum Theatre, Downtown  
Phoenix*

### *General Meeting at the Orpheum Theatre*

*Sunday, January 21, 2007*

*2:30 p.m.*

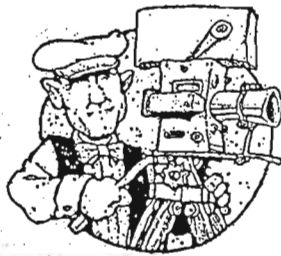
*Our own Don Story at the  
Console—"Guess the Tune!"  
contest is open to all! Open console  
afterwards!*





## SILENT SUNDAY 2006-2007 FILMS

1/7/07 *Wild and Woolly* - 1917. Stars Douglas Fairbanks. Great comedy. Business tycoon sends his goofy son out west to check on business. The son is a big Old West buff and believes things are still wild and woolly like the old days. Pop's business subordinates decide to stage a Indian attack and other silliness to impress junior. The bad guys decide to take advantage of the situation to pull off a real robbery. But Fairbanks the dude manages to save the town.



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### FUN AT FIZZELL'S

To paraphrase Irving Berlin—"The sun was shining, the grass was green, the orange and palm trees swayed..." It was about 75 degrees in Phoenix on December 9th, but we were all singing "White Christmas." About thirty-five chapter members and guests gathered at the home of Beverly and Tom Fizzell for our annual Christmas potluck. That meant lots of good music and lots of good food! Featured organist for the day was Virg Howard. He brought along friend Dr. John Schwickard to play the piano. The afternoon began with several familiar holiday songs, and Virg encouraged everyone to sing along. A few enthusiastic members provided jingle bell accompaniment! Virg and John also played a few old standards, such as "Satin Doll" and "Whispering." Then the two brought the afternoon back to its holiday theme with a few more seasonal selections. If you were unable to attend, you missed a really fun afternoon. Many thanks to Beverly and Tom for their hospitality. By the way, Virg, can we get a copy of your "senior citizen" lyrics to "My Favorite Things"?

### 2007 Membership Dues

It is now nearly the end of December and ~~not~~ all 2007 dues have come in.

In order to insure that we go into 2007 financial fit in our general account, everyone needs to submit dues to the Treasurer by December 31, 2006.

Yes, I have asked for donations to pay down the balance on the Orpheum Wurlitzer, and it happened, but to continue to provide quality theatre organ presentations, we need to stand behind the chapter and all that it does.

Please send those dues by the end of the year, and, if you can, a little extra. I will now head for my bomb shelter for asking for more donations. Send dues and donations to Dale Caplin, payable to VOTS, 2333 W. Irvington Place #26, Tucson, Arizona 85746